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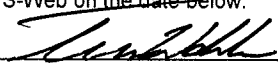
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**I. AMENDMENT; AND II. RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION  
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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action dated October 20, 2006, for which the date for response was January 20, 2007. A request for a two-month extension of time is included along with the required fee. The two-month request brings the deadline to March 20, 2007, which is within the six-month statutory period. Should any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be required by the filing of this paper; the Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct said fees from Fulbright & Jaworski Deposit Account No. 50-1212/SONN:064US.

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